Since outstanding dues from GEB had mounted and the GEB had not made arrangements to clear even the undisputed dues, linkages to GEB power Stations had at time been restricted to the extent of payments.

(e) The highest priority is accorded to the allocation and movement of coal to TPSs in the country including GEB, subject to transport and payment con straints. Coal supplies to Power houses arc regularly monitored at the level of Cabinet Secretariat once a fortnight and n daily basis by Railways and the coal ompanie and corrective action is taken! whenever necessary to set up supply of soal.

(f) The future coal requirements of GBR will be met adequately subject to payment record and improving unloading performance by the power houses.

Coal companies dues against SEB's and power utilities

2024, SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) wfiether it is a fact that the SEBs and "power utilities owe large sums of money to the coal companies; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to recover this amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The total accumulated'outstanding dues from power sector as on 30.6.97 were Rs. 3127.98 crores out of which Rs. 1501.53 crores were undisputed.

(b) Following step have been taken by the Government/Coal India Ltd. to recover the outstanding dues from the Sta'e Electricity Boards;

(1) Coal India Ltd. (CIL) have been advised to supply coal to power utilities *only* against advance papment or letter of credit. Cash and Carry Scheme is being implemented with greater rigoiw «ince 1.1.97.

(2) Coal India and its subsidiary coal awnpanies have been persistently following up with the consumers in diverse sectors for settlement of dues.

(3) Recovery of dues by way of adjustment against energy bills is also being done in respect of certain power utilities^ State Government have been requested to pursuade/enable SEBs to clear the outstanding dues at the earliest.

(4) Umpires have been appointfd for resolving the disputed dues between the coal cbmpanjes and SEBs.

(5) Government have recently de cided I0 deduct outstanding dues on 31.12.1996 of public sector under taking under the Ministry of Power/ Railway/Coal/Atomic Energy through Central Appropriation with the stipulation that the appropriation be restricted anfiually to a maximum of 15 per cent of the Central Plan Assitance for the concerned State irrespective of the number of years that it may take for the outstanding dues to be cleared.

Supply of coal to power station

2025. SHRI PREM CHAND.GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal industry is forced to supply coal to the power stations even if payments for the same are not being made; and

(b) if so, how can the industry be financially viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE *OF* THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) It is a fact that sometimes circumstances demand that the coal industry supply coal to power sftions even though there are payments due from them.

(b) If large sums of outstandings continue to remain un-settled, it will have negative effects on the financial viability of the industry. The Government therefore have taken the following steps:— (i) From 1-1-97 coal supplies shall be made only on 'Cash & Carry' % scheme.

(ii) The Govt, have appointed Umpires to resolve disputes on outstandings as between coal companies and Electricity Boards.

(iii) Govt, have decided to deduct upto 15 per cent of the Central Plan Assistance of concerned States in order to settle dues outstanding against public sector undertakings under the Min-^try of Power, Railways, Coal and Atomic Energy.

Workers participation in itbe oianage-ment iii *mAlls* of coal industry

2026. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Ministrr of COAL be pleased to tate:

(a) whether workers' participation in nana,genient scheme has been implemented in all public sector units of coal industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether production has increased ifter implementation of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE VIINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI CANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The sc-aeme of workers' participation in management of public sector coal companies is jroadly in conformity with the scheme 3f 1983 notified by the Government in 10 far as it relates to the levels of participation, subjects to be included for discussion and the method of arriving at a decision;

The joint participative] consultative fora have been operating at the following levels:

(i) Corporate level

(ii) Subsidiary companies

(a) Company level

(b) Area level

(c) Colliery level

At corporate level:

All Policy matters relating wages and service conditions of employees, produc tion productivity, cost, health, welfare, safety and all such policy matters which may have a direct bearing on the industry.

At other than corporater level:

Production, productivity, cost, heollh, welfare, safety and employees' .grievances which may be raised from time to time.

(c) and (d) The partocipative approach to management at the area level and colliery level has made a basic contribu tion towards reduction in mandays lost due to strikesjbandhs, etc. and as helped in the improvemHit of industrial relations climate in the organisation. These in turn have contributedjto onierall increase in production and productivity, as per details given below:—

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	1995-96	1996-97 (Prov.)
Production (M.T.)	237.05	250.65
Output per man-shift (tonnes)	1.75	1.82

Wwld Bank aided projects in coal mining

2027. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR -GARWALLA: Will the Minister of 20AL be pleased to state:

(a) the areas for which there have seen World Bank aided projects in Coal •nining/industry since 1980;

(b) the project-wise aids, time frame "or completion of projects, actual time aken and actual utilisation of aids;

(c) whether any performance budget have been prepared for these projects; it so, the actual benefits accrued to coal sector and the nation on account of thesa. projects, vis-a-vis original benefits con. templated;

(d) if not, reasons thereof and whether there is no such stipulation in project conditions- and